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Town of New Windsor Planning Board
555 Union Avenue
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Dear Members,

RE: STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
Harp Estates / EAF Review
New Windsor, Orange County

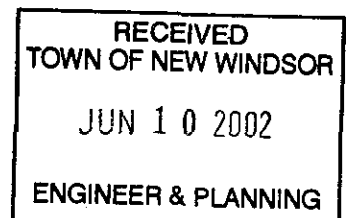
The methodology utilized in the traffic impact study including the existing traffic volumes, no-build traffic volumes and resulting build traffic volumes is not acceptable. The AADT rates listed in Table 1 do not agree with Department counts that were last taken in 2000. In particular, the AADT on this table for Route 300 listed at 18400 is higher than our 2000 count by 5200 vehicles. Your table appears to site the 1998 AADT counts not the 2000 counts that are provided in our 2000 Traffic Volume Report . The 2000 counts should be used and then adjusted by the Department's annual growth factor. The Department's annual background growth factor is 2 percent as opposed to that sited in Section 7-5 of one percent. Please use this growth rate to re-calculate existing and no-build volumes prior to adding in the projected vehicle trips for the proposed development (build volumes). In addition, as referenced on page 7-2, paragraph 2 the 19.6 percent seasonal growth factor is unidentifiable to the Department . Previous counts sited from an uninvolved project are not acceptable to the Department. Please provide current counts that pertain to this particular development and compare them with our latest 2000 counts to assure accuracy. In addition, the study sites no peak hour counts however peak hour LOS /Delay Per Sec Tables 7-4 and 7-5 are shown to represent peak hour LOS. Please include in all AM and PM peak hour LOS analysis tables actual count information .

Please ensure that the anticipated completion date of 2003 is achievable or adjust the analysis to reflect a revised completion date .

We would like to remind you that a State Highway Work Permit will be required for any curb cuts and/or work within any New York State right-of-way. All safety related issues and the proposed location of driveways will be reviewed in detail by our Traffic Engineering and Safety Group as part of highway work permit process. An application and final site plans should be forwarded to them for review.

Very Truly Yours,

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